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SUBJECT: OMANI VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY AL ALAWI TOLD
AMBASSADOR SEP 22 HE WAS ASKED BY FOREIGN MINISTER
QAISHPAWAWI TO INFORM HIM THAT ZAWAWI PRESENTLY IS
MAKING VISIT OF SEVERAL DAYS' DURATION TO REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA. HE LEFT MUSCAT DAY OR SO AGO AND RETURNS BY
SEPT 27.

2. AL ALAWI SAID PURPOSE IS SO OMANGOV CAN SEE FOR
ITSELF JUST WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOUTH AFRICA. AS INDIAN
OCEAN STATE, OMAN CONSIDERS IT SHOULD DEVELOP GREATER
KNOWLEDGE OF THAT SITUATION AND BEGIN MAKING SUCH
CONTACTS. HE EMPHASIZED OMAN HAS NO RPT NO INTENTION TO
INSERT ITSELF IN ANY WAY AS A MEDIATOR IN PRESENT PROBLEMS
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. SAID ZAWAWI IS MAKING TRIP ALONE AND HOPES
TALK WITH BOTH WHITE AND BLACK LEADERS. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF
VISIT OR CONTACTS WITH OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES
ARE PLANNED, AND AL ALAWI RESPONDED IN NEGATIVE, AT LEAST
NOT ON THIS TRIP.

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3. AL ALAWI ADDED THAT OMANGOV HOPES KEEP VISIT SECRET
THOUGH SOME OTHER ARAB STATES (UNNAMED) ARE INFORMED OF IT.
IF SOME PUBLICITY OCCURS, AL ALAWI SAID OMAN WILL NOT DENY
THE VISIT. HE PERSONALLY EXPECTS SOME WORD WILL LEAK OUT.

4. COMMENT: OTHER RECENT SIGNS OF OMAN'S GROWING
INTEREST IN SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN INCLUDE JULY 1977

ZAWAWI VISIT TO SEYCHELLES AND LATE SUMMER 1977 VISIT HERE
BY OFFICIALS FROM COMORO ISLANDS.
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